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The Editor's Page

CHRISTMAS DAY PEACE WORK

There is but one proper subject for Christmas Day, in my opinion; and that is the subject of peace. He whose birth we celebrate was called the "Prince of Peace;" and it is fitting that we discuss that theme on the Christ's Day.

Peace? There Is No Peace

But there is no real peace today; and the angels' song—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," is drowned by the thunderings of angry guns, the screams of the dying and the wailings of the bereaved, in all the continent of Europe; and those nations not yet engaged in the bloody fray, are buckling on their armor, and talks of military preparedness are heard in the legislatures of the neutral nations of the world.

Does The World Desire Peace?

Does the world desire peace? I can not believe it; for if it did it would seek for it in rational ways.

It is in vain to talk of peace when our teachings to the children prepare them for war. We teach our children to hate other children of different races and conditions. Blacks hate whites, whites hate blacks; and each race tells its children to hate the others. This program must change or there will be no peace. Let's direct our efforts to points nearer home.

Discourage use of Hate-breeding Terms

We may take as an initial point the abandonment of hate-breeding terms to describe people. Have your children stop using such words as "sheenie;" "greasers;" "chink;" "paddy;" "Jap;" "hill-billies;" "red necks;" "dagoes;" and "niggers;" "coons;" "darkies;" "sambo" — oh, well, the colored people won't ask their neighbors to omit all these fine (?) titles all at once. One at the time will be helpful as well as hopeful.

Start On Christmas Day

On Christmas day, after the children have enjoyed their gifts from Santa Claus and their dear young hearts are satisfied and glad, tell them of the peace which the Christ Child came to earth to bring. Make them understand that to hate any child or person is wicked and dwarfing to the soul. Now, go just a step further: Tell these children—these little ones who believe in you, and will hate if you say it is right or will love if you bid them do so—tell these children that neither whiteness, redness, yellowness, brownness, nor blackness of skin is any reason for hating anybody.

If you can't do this in all good conscience, wire your representatives in legislative halls everywhere that you are in favor of guns and more destructive guns, of more and more death-dealing battleships, of more powerful and still more powerful engines and appurtenances of war; and that while peace is a nice thing to discuss, you are not willing to do the thing that is absolutely necessary in your day to bring peace to the world after you are gone.

Which Will You Choose?

I am not discussing whether it is right or best for the different races not to hate each other. That question is ethical while I am trying to discuss logic or cause and effect. What you want the older people to do in future must be taught to your children now.

To teach your children to hate a man because he is Irish, German, Scotch, French, American, Japanese, Chinese, black or white, is to multiply wars, for hatreds beget wars. To teach young minds love for all, will automatically make for peace, for love compels peace.

Which will you choose? High sounding talk about peace is not worth a flip of a coin if you are not willing to teach your children the principles of peace, which are love and justice; and love always secures justice. Test the sincerity of your desire for peace, on this Christmas day, by the laws laid down here and see if you really desire peace.

—ISAAC FISHER.

SOUTHERN WHITE EDITORS CRITICIZE FAVORABLY NEGRO FARMER AND MESSENGER EDITORIALS

In the matter of "Thinking Black:" Prof. James Speed is the Audubon of the South and editor of Farm and Family, a Louisville Courier-Journal monthly magazine. Some time back we were discussing Prof. Isaac Fisher, editor of "The Negro Farmer," of Tuskegee. "I read an editorial in the Negro Farmer," said Prof. Speed, "which I consider one of the best I have ever seen. It was called 'Thinking Black' and was indeed illuminating." Editor Fisher should know more of Editor Speed.—Louisville News.

A SOUTHERN WHITE MAGAZINE REPRODUCES A NEGRO FARMER AND MESSENGER EDITORIAL

The Alabama Democrat, a white magazine published in Montgomery, Alabama, carried under its "Workingman's Forum," edited by Mr. J. Howard Fore, on November 18, 1915, almost the entire editorial entitled "The Other Man's Job," which appeared in the Negro Farmer and Messenger of November 6. In reproducing the editorial, the editor said:

THE OTHER MAN'S JOB

I have before me what I think to be one of the best articles I have ever read on "the route of promotion," written by Isaac Fisher, editor of The Negro Farmer, and think it sufficiently good to pass it along."

The significance of this does not lie in the compliment paid, but rather in the fact that so splendid a spirit of goodwill is growing up here in the South that a Southern white magazine feels willing to quote from a Negro journal.

Just as surely as all of us keep trying to be good neighbors, each to the other, each trying to be fair and kind and considerate to the other, just so surely are Negroes and white people in the South going to settle and adjust all of their grievances. God speed the day, since the times are ripe for this much-prayed for result.

Macon County Teachers and Trustees Meetings

The first educational meeting of the teachers and trustees of Macon County for the term of 1915 and 1916, was held Saturday, December 4, 1915, in the Assembly room of Carnegie Library. There were a large number of trustees present together with the sixty colored teachers of Macon County. This meeting was highly favored with the presence of Supt. W. B. Riley, Tuskegee, Ala.; Prof. J. L. Sibley, State Supervisor; Dr. Weatherford, of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Laslie, President of Macon County Illiteracy Club, Tuskegee, Ala.

The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by singing hymn number twenty-five, after which Scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. J. W. Whittaker, Chaplain, Tuskegee Institute.

There were several subjects for discussion. The first subject for discussion was "The advantages in keeping the Industrial Program side by side with other school work;" this subject was led by Miss Lydia Davis and Mrs. J. M. Powell and was heartily entered into by other members of the house. Miss Davis stated very briefly the advantages of having the industrial program side by side with the other work. "Too many homes," said Miss Davis, "are uncomfortable because the mothers do not know how to cook, sew and keep house. This industrial training will enable the children to make homes more comfortable." She further stated that industrial training creates interest in the children and secures the co-operation of the patrons. Miss Davis said that her patrons send greens, flour, lard, and in fact, anything that she asks them for to help the school to carry on this work.

Mrs. Powell related a very striking incident of how she had taught a boy to cook light-bread, and that this boy is now earning his way through school by baking light-bread. "This industrial training," said Mrs. Powell, "has helped to revolutionize our school system. No education is complete that aims to train only the mind; both, hands and mind must be trained if the greatest efficiency is to be attained."

Among the many helpful remarks made on this subject, there were none more fitting than those made by Mrs. L. T. Jones, Principal of the Training School, Tuskegee Institute. Mrs. Jones laid stress on three important factors: (1) That since children like immediate results, a place for industrial training should be put on the report cards. (2) That there should be some regular and definite periods set aside for industrial work, and (3) That the child should begin work as soon as it enters school, or at least by the time it is in the second grade.

Mr. T. M. Campbell, U. S. Demonstrator, urged the teachers to learn the things that they are required to teach. He said that too many teachers are unprepared for this industrial work and especially is this true of the subject of agriculture.

Mr. C. J. Calloway, Director of the Extension Department, stated very forcibly the importance of keeping up the physical surroundings of the school. He stated that this may be done by keeping up the repairs, setting out flowers and whitewashing, and that the school should at all times be kept clean both inside and outside. "I find in too many cases," said Mr. Calloway, "that the schools of Macon County are in a run-down condition, waste paper about the yards and the buildings look bad both inside and outside. In most cases if you were to look at the teacher, he or she looks very much like the school." Mr. Calloway stated that there had been some very good inducements to encourage the people of Macon County to keep up the physical conditions of the schools. He, also, stated that Judge Carpenter had offered one hundred ($100) dollars to be given away as prizes of ten ($10) dollars each to the ten schools making the most progress along these lines. "I truly hope," said Mr. Calloway, "that more of the schools of Macon County will get prizes this year by making the best improvements possible."

Superintendent Riley being present, was asked by Miss Woodall to take charge of the meeting and introuduce the other speakers. Before introducing the speakers, Prof. Riley explained the new law in regard to schools securing State aid. Prof. Riley also emphasized the importance of each teacher observing the days such as "Clean up day," "Health day," and other days set apart by the Department of Education. He further urged that the teachers cooperate with the supervisors in their work. Of all that Prof. Riley said, nothing was more far reaching than

the question of illiteracy. Mr. Riley said that he regards this question of removing illiteracy as one of the most important that we have discussed this year.

It was the pleasure of Prof. Riley to introduce Mrs. Laslie, of Tuskegee, who spoke very forcibly on the question of removing illiteracy in Macon County. "To my mind," stated Mrs. Laslie, "there is no subject so important as this of removing illiteracy in Alabama." She asked that each teacher devote an afternoon in each week to the teaching of mothers and an hour at night to the teaching of men who could come to school. Supt. Riley also introduced Mr. J. L. Sibley. Mr. Sibley said that the teachers of Macon County had a great responsibility upon them, since they are near Tuskegee Institute where people are constantly coming to see what the colored race is doing, and naturally while they are here, they want to visit the rural schools. He said further that the teachers of this County have an opportunity to hold up the race. He also stated that he did not know whether it was an advantage or disadvantage to the people of Macon County to have Tuskegee Institute in it. He urged upon the teachers and trustees the importance of beautifying their school grounds by planting grass and flowers; he said that he was very glad that the schools were allowed to have colored trustees, and that the success of the school depends largely upon the trustees. Prof. Sibley further emphasized the importance of teachers using the things that they have in their industrial work, especially, pine needles and corn husk. He said that the old plantation system was gone, that before emancipation the colored people were trained on the plantation, but now the only means of reaching them is through the teachers. Mr. Sibley closed his address with a discussion of the new school laws. He said that the last Legislature had given Alabama at least fifteen good laws. He mentioned first the law that allows women to be on educational boards, (2) the appointment of illiteracy clubs, (3) the law that allows the extension of teachers' certificates provided they attend school six weeks, (4) the law allowing teachers' Institutes to be held at any season of the year, and (5) the compulsory educational law which goes into effect January 1, 1917.

After Prof. Sibley's speech, Dr. Weatherford, of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced by Supt. Riley. "I have just two things about which I am going to talk," said Dr. Weatherford. "The first is that education is meant to prepare people for the kind of life that they are going to live. If one is going to be a preacher, it should prepare him to preach. If one is going to be a farmer, it should prepare him to farm." "Education, said he, "is not getting hold of so many facts, but education is getting ready to do the things of life. Dr. Weatherford's last thought was this: "Don't be everlastingly making excuses for what you have not done. The difficulty with most people is that they are always trying to make excuses." He said that there are just two kinds of folks, those who are always making excuses and those who never make excuses, and if the folks who never make excuses fail it only helps them on. After listening to Dr. Weatherford's address, the audience was favored by a selection from the Farmers' Glee Club.

The last speaker on the program was Mr. Booker T. Washington, Jr. Mr. Washington explained in a very brief, but forcible manner, why we should take advantage of the State and Rosenwald Funds. The following are some of the many reasons that he gave: (1) That it gives the community a more comfortable, more modern and better lighted building; (2) That a good school building gives the community a better teacher; (3) A good school building will secure a better school system, and a good system will raise the standard of the pupils.

After the announcements were made the meeting adjourned at two o'clock. The group of teachers were asked to meet in front of the Library in order that their pictures might be made. After the photographs were made, both teachers and trustees marched to the Institute Dining Hall where luncheon was served. After dinner, the teachers went to their respective homes very much inspired and helped because of having atttended the meeting.

—Kimmuel Huggins, Reporter.

The Tuskegee Negro Conference to be Held January 16, 1916

In order to put new life into the Tuskegee Negro Conference, Dr. Booker T. Washington's last suggestion to the Conference Committee was that there should be a variation of the usual program. Accordingly, the exercises to be had at the Conference at Tuskegee Institute on Wednesday, January 19, 1916, will be very much different from former programs.

Farm Demonstrations and Exhibits

It has been the custom to have the visitors to the Conference go to the Chapel at about ten o'clock in the morning on Conference Day and listen to the reports made by delegates from various communities. Instead of this, visitors will be taken to the Agricultural Department and to Dorothy Hall from nine until twelve o'clock, a. m., to witness special demonstrations and exhibits. While the exhibits and demonstrations in the Agricultural Department will be intended for all, the exposition at Dorothy Hall will be specially intended for women.

A Real School Day For Older People

The following morning program will provide a real school day for the older people and other visitors to the Conference. The Agricultural Department will offer:

1. Demonstrations and Lecture on feeding and milking cows. Agricultural Building.
2. Demontrations and Lecture on the raising and selecting of horses and mules. Agricultural Building.
3. Demonstrations and Lecture on swine raising. Agricultural Building.
4. Demonstrations and Lecture on canning. Canning Factory.
5. Demonstrations and Lecture on producing vegetables for various markets. Truck Farm.
6. Demonstrations and Lecture on care of poultry. Poultry Yard.
7. Demonstrations and Lecture on the handling of milk and the making of butter. Creamery.
8. Demonstrations and Lecture on treatment of diseases of live-stock. Agricultural Building.
9. Demonstrations and Lecture on planting and care of fruit trees. Agricultural Building.
10. Demonstrations and Lecture on the trenching and hot bedding of potatoes. Agricultural Building. Placards

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11. Demonstrations and Lecture on the operating of farm machinery. Agricultural Building.

12. Demonstrations and Lecture on the boll weevil. Assembly Room Agricultural Building.

13. Demonstrations and Lectures on products raised in Experiment Station. Experiment Station.

Dorothy Hall will offer:

Demonstrations and Lectures on hat making, plain sewing, dress-making, cooking, laundering, mattress making and general housekeeping.

Following these demonstrations, dinner will be served to the farmers and visitors near the Chapel from twelve-thirty to one-thirty o'clock.

Other Features

In addition to these demonstrations, there will be two exhibits, a corn show for men and a canned goods exhibit for women. One thousand persons will be asked to send ten ears of corn each, for the corn show; and a proportionately large number of women will be urged to bring six jars of canned goods of different varieties.

For the best corn, premiums of $10.00; $5.00; $3.00 and $2.00 will be given as first, second, third and fourth prizes respectively. For the canned goods exhibit the premiums will be $5.00; $2.50; $1.50 and $1.00 respectively.

Program

The regular Conference session, instead of convening at 10 o'clock a. m. as formerly, will be held in the Chapel in the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock and continuing until 4 o'clock.

The main topics to be discussed by visitors and delegates will be: (1) How I am managing to keep ahead of the boll weevil; (2) Crop diversification, and (3) How our community built a schoolhouse.

To all this will be added special addresses by experts. Members of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Governor and other State officials of Alabama, and members of the Auburn College staff will be specially invited to be present.

Workers' Conference

The Workers' Conference will be held in the Academic Assembly Room on Thursday, January 20, 1916, from 10:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. The subject will be: "The Better Housing of Negroes." The topic will be divided into two parts: (1) Urban or City Housing Conditions; and (2) Rural Housing Conditions. Under the first will be discussed: (a) Housing conditions and the urban death-rate for Negroes; (b) Some examples of what is being done to improve urban housing conditions; and (c) Agencies which can assist in improving urban housing conditions.

Under Rural Housing Conditions will be discussed: (a) Housing conditions and the rural death-rate for Negroes; (b) Housing conditions and the rural labor supply; and (c) Agencies which can assist in improving rural housing conditions.

Health demonstrations will be held by Tuskegee Institute Health Department. It is hoped to have present Dr. William C. Gorgas, Surgeon General United States Army and Dr. Rupert Blue, Director United States Public Health Service. Prof. Hinds of Auburn will be invited to give his illustrated lecture on flies as carriers of disease.

A LITTLE WOMAN WHO IS DOING THINGS

Miss Cornelia Bowen, Principal of Mount Meigs Institute, at Waugh, Alabama, is worth studying. The Editor of this paper visited her school a short while ago for the purpose of witnessing her community Fair; and he found a little woman who may be called a veteran in educational work but who is growing younger in her enthusiastic desire to reach the rural people.

One grows accustomed to the usual scenes at rural fairs, if only he visits enough of them; but it is not often that the directors of such fairs remain brimfull of enthusiasm as was true of Miss Bowen. It was the occasion of her first fair and one was reminded of the genuine pleasure shown by a boy with a new toy—Miss Bowen was really experiencing the joy which comes to all who take the time and pains to show the rural people just how much they can do with the means and agencies in their own hands.

A new method of exhibiting stock was worked out by Miss Bowen. Instead of having the people bring their hogs and poultry and put them in pens about the school grounds, Miss Bowen had the farmers prepare their wagon beds so that the stock might remain in the wagons for inspection. This not only raised these animals to a level with the eye; but, also, made it easy for their owners to remove them when the fair was over.

School principal, speaker of power, poet, organizer, social worker, Miss Bowen deserves no little credit for the work she has done and is still doing.

HELPED BY CONFERENCE AGENT

Friendship Community,
Pike County, Glenwood, Alabama.

To the Negro Farmer and Messenger:

On the night of November the 23rd, about one hundred of the citizens of Friendship Community gathered at the school building to hear a talk to be given by Mr. W. M. Rakestraw.

The speaker arrived somewhere in the neighborhood of eight o'clock. After the crowd was settled a song was sung, prayer was offered and the speaker was introduced by Rev. W. M. Banks.

Mr. Rakestraw based his talk upon those points which are most beneficial to the farmers at present. He tried to impress upon the farmers the value of home grown products at present; the importance of developing a good, strong community—religiously, morally and socially and educationally.

The speaker also laid stress on the importance of being industrious which carries the Tuskegee spirit. To further convey this idea, a few remarks were made by the teacher and an exhibition of industrial work which is being carried on in the school was made.

A collection of $2.25 which far surpassed many other gatherings larger than this one, was made and turned over to the speaker.

After the collection was made many of the farmers and their wives expressed their gratitude to Mr. Rakestraw for his service and sanctioned his sentiments.

The citizens who spoke are as follows: Mr. Joe Caldwell, Mrs. W. M. Woode, Mrs. Lizzie White, Mr. J. K. Herndon and Mrs. Susan Brundidge.

Friendship Community, unlike many other communities, has a good number of land owners, many good homes, a well built, painted school building, a church and well paid teacher and preacher.

Another sign of progressiveness in this community is the taking of the daily newspaper and a few take the Tuskegee papers. The mother's meeting is just on foot but this promises good in the future.

Such efforts as these have been greatly stimulated by Mr. Rakestraw's talk. The people of Friendship Community are very grateful to the speaker, for the points which he emphasized now permeate the very soul of each one who heard him.

We would be glad to have more Tuskegeeans visit us in Pike County.

Inez LeVert.
(Teacher.)

RURAL IMPROVEMENT WORK IN GEORGIA

Blakeley, Georgia,
November 30, 1915.

To the Editor
of the Negro Farmer and Messenger:

Will you allow a stranger a little space in your most valuable columns? If so, will assure you that I will not be a stranger any longer.

I am glad to say that under the auspices of one of your most worthy young men, Mr. L. E. Cotton, who is a graduate of your noble Institute has come to us highly recommended and is doing us a wonderful service. He has been with us only one month, but has done so much in a short time. His training in your great hospital makes him so helpful in our homes as well as in the school room. My! My! so much help. He came in and went to work by the time he got here.

His first plan was to clean up inside and outside, around his school, and then made the children hustle around their homes and clean up where they did not think about. All the children must appear before him neat and clean.

After getting things in order he then planned to have Mr. Rakestraw come to see us on Thanksgiving. Owing to previous engagements he could not get him; then he planned a meeting on the 27th inst., and he came to us on the above named date.

Rev. Rakestraw spoke to us last Saturday at 2:00 o'clock in our schoolhouse to sixty-five children and a goodly number of grown people. I must acknowledge we have never heard such good things fall from a man's mouth in Earley County. Everybody seemed to have been spell bound for one hour and five minutes. Following Rev. Rakestraw, our Hon. E. A. Evans, County Superintendent, spoke one hour taking up many things Rev. Rakestraw said and bearing witness to what he said and stating conditions as they exist in this County and said we were fortunate in having the ablest colored teacher in the County and that he urged the people to use him in our homes as well as in the school room. He said our people need more sanitation in the homes and unless we take advantage of our opportunity, we could not get very far. He told our people to keep clean and neat.

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EXTENSION WORK NEWS

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Tuskegee Negro Conference

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Wednesday, January 19, 1916

at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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2. Crop Diversification.
3. How our community built a schoolhouse.

Expert speakers will address the Conference.

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Said, a dog knew his master by his scent, and that it was not necessary about any other animal. He urged our people to stay away from town, standing on the corners, work and be honest. We feel that we are in debt to Hon. Evans for his helpful talk. Come again, Mr. Evans.

Rev. Stratton was introduced, who is a good, strong able man. He made everybody feel good for having such a good man with us. Owing to lack of time, Rev. Stratton was cut off, but we are going to have him come to us again when he can have time to give us some of those good things he has in store.

Prof. Cotton now being before the audience, Miss Mary Ross, of Bluffton, a graduate of your wonderful school in the class of 1915, spoke very forcibly. Miss Ross was pushed for time also. We are going to have the good people come again. Rev. Stratton called for contribution from everybody. With the many things given, such as farm products, we turned into money $18.

Rev. Rakestraw preached a soul-stirring sermon on Sunday 28th; using for his text Luke 22nd Chapter and 31 and 32 verses. His sermon was a stirring one. We raised $9.05; made a donation of $8.00.

We are herewith sending the names of those who gave 25 cents or more:

Prof. L. E. Cotton, $2.05; C. Holmes, $2.75; Mr. Wright, $2.00; I. T. Tull, $3.00; G. W. Jackson, $2.00; Paul Wright, $1.20; M. B. Foster, $2.10; G. H. Hutchinson, $1.75; Persie Wright, $1.00; J. J. Spicie, $1.00.

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Total, $32.15.

All of those who gave less than 25 cents, their names do not appear in this list. We thank all who contributed to this cause. We are going to do better next time. We are very grateful, indeed, for you in sending us Prof. L. E. Cotton.

Yours truly,

I. T. Tull.

WHAT TO PLANT IN THE GARDEN DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January

Carrots, lettuce and turnips should be sown in open ground; Early Jersey Wakefield, Extra Selected Charleston Wakefield, Improved Early Drumhead, Premium Late Drumhead, Early Flat Dutch, Premium Late Flat Dutch, Large and Early York Cabbage in cold frames or well protected places, such as the South side of buildings, embankments, etc. Onion sets and shallots may be planted.

Continue sowing in hot-beds or cold frames all the seed recommended in December, and in addition sow tomatoes, egg plants; sow in open ground, parsnips, parsley, radish, kale, rape, kohl rabi, carrots, rutabagas; set onion slips and asparagus roots.

February

Irish (white) potatoes should be planted. Put in more cabbage, cauliflower, and turnips in variety. Plant a few parsnips, carrots, radish, lettuce, beet, spinach, mustard and parsley. English peas, onion sets and shallots may be put in. About the 15th of the month early corn may be planted.

Egg plants, tomatoes and pepper may be sown in the hot-bed. Plant vegetable oyster seed and artichokes.

The asparagus bed should have a good dressing of well-rotted stable manure. This should be spread over the bed and spaded or forked in.

Note.—In extremely cold winters, some of these things recommended for open ground winter-kill, but these instances are rare, and it pays to plan even though occasionally we lose a part or all the crop.

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November 24, 1915.

The people of this community came out on last Wednesday bringing out some of their farm produce and other things; thus making quite a display.

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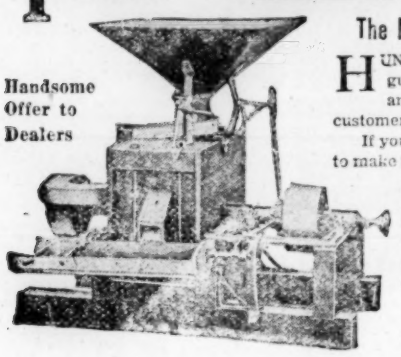

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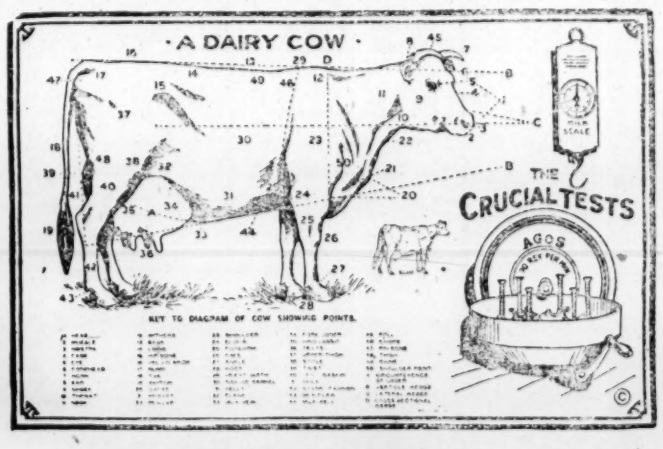

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Prof. Wm. Rakestraw favored us with one of his lectures which was enjoyed by all present. He said, "Honest labor will win. By all means go to work, for Alabama must feed herself. Raise what the boll-weevil does not eat." He also spoke of the death of Dr. Washington and what he stood for, "Honesty and Integrity." "Though he sleeps, he will ever live in the hearts of our people.

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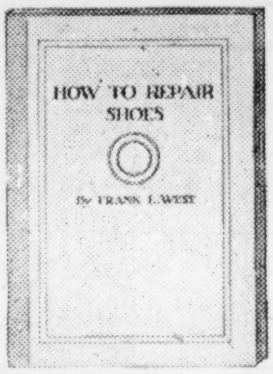

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